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1. SUMMARY. AT LUNCHEON APRIL 2 HOSTED BY ACTING CULT COUNSELOR AND MYSELF, B. I. STUKALIN, CHAIRMAN OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR PUBLISHING, PRINTING, AND BOOK TRADE MATTERS (GOSPECHAT), AND V. I. NAYDYONOV, CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPT. OF GOSPECHAT, DISCUSSED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF RECENT SOVIET ADHERENCE TO UNIVERSAL COPYRIGHT CONVENTION (UCC). ON FINANCIAL SIDE, STUKALIN STATED THAT IN PRINCIPLE PAYMENTS TO FOREIGN AUTHORS CAN BE MADE IN HARD CURRENCIES, AND SOVIET AUTHORS PUBLISHED ABROAD WILL ALSO BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE ROYALTIES IN HARD CURRENCIES, ALTHOUGH TERMS FOR PAYMENTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON CASE-BY-CASE BASIS THROUGH CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN PUBLISHERS. PROCEDURES ALLOWING SOVIET AUTHORS TO PERMIT PUBLICATION OF THEIR WORKS ABROAD ARE NOW UNDER DISCUSSION AND WILL BE FORMALIZED BY LAW PRIOR TO MAY 27 SOVIET ADHERENCE TO UCC. REPRINTING OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS FOR NON-PROFIT SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES WITHOUT PAYMENT TO AUTHOR OR PUBLISHER IS "COMPLICATED QUESTION," AS IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE FINE LINE BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND "NON-PROFIT" USES. END SUMMARY.

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2. STUKALIN BEGAN DISCUSSION BY COMMENTING THAT WHILE USSR PUBLISHED 313 US- AUTHORED BOOKS IN BUDGET TO TOTAL OF IL 826 MILLION AND PERMIT RETAIL PRICE INCREASES TO COVER REMAINDER. GOVERNMENT SOCIAL INSURANCE AND WELFARE PAYMENTS INCREASED TO HELP OFFSET IMPACT OF INCREASED FOOD PRICES ON LOW- INCOME GROUPS.

4. WHILE HISTADRUT IN TRIPARTITE ANTI- INFLATION COMMITTEE HAD CONCEDED NEED FOR SOME FOOD PRICE INCREASES, IT HAD SOUGHT GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT TO LIMIT GENERAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX TO EIGHT- TEN PERCENT INCREASE IN 1973, IN RETURN FOR WHICH HISTADRUT WOULD WITHHOLD DEMAND FOR MID- YEAR COST- OF- LIVING ADJUSTMENT. FAILING TO RECEIVE SUCH A COMMITMENT, HISTADRUT, UNDER AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP OF ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, YITZHAK BEN- AHARON, DECIDED TO OFFICIALLY GO ON RECORD DEMANDING MID- YEAR ADJUSTMENT.

5. COMMENT. WITH A 12-13 PERCENT RATE OF INFLATION PREDICTED IN NATIONAL BUDGET AND EVEN HIGHER ESTIMATES PRIVATELY MADE BY GOI SOURCES, BEN- AHARON' S GOAL OF HOLDING INFLATION TO 8-10 PERCENT WAS UNREALISTICALLY LOW AND CERTAINLY ASSURED WORKERS A MID- YEAR ADJUSTMENT. AT THE SAME TIME, BEN- AHARON MAY HAVE USED THE THREAT OF MID- YEAR COST- OF- LIVING ADJUSTMENT TO PRESSURE ADOPTION OF MORE RIGID CONTROLS OVER PROFITS, PRICES, AND WAGES, IN LINE WITH HIS CONCEPT OF GREATER GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION IN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. GOVERNMENT IS IN NO POSITION TO WITHSTAND HISTADRUT DEMAND FOR COST- OF- LIVING ADJUSTMENT, SINCE IT WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS LABOR UNREST IF DENIED -- SOMETHING IT WOULD WISH TO AVOID AT ALL COSTS IN PERIOD IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO KNESSET ELECTIONS IN OCTOB

4. ADJUSTMENT WILL IN ITSELF STIMULATE FURTHER INFLATION.

6. HISTADRUT ACTION, SUPPORTED IN VARYING DEGREES BY ALL POLITICAL ELEMENTS IN HISTADRUT, UNDERSCORES GROWING ASSERTION OF INDEPENDENCE OF ALIGNMENT FACTION IN HISTADRUT ON ECONOMIC MATTERS AND SERIOUS RIFT BETWEEN ALIGNMENT LEADERS IN HISTADRUT AND GOVERNMENT OVER WAGE/ PRICE POLICIES. WITH INFLATION BECOMING A GROWING CONCERN OF ISRAELI PUBLIC, BEN- AHARON NOW ENJOYING INCREASED POPULAR AS WELL AS POLITICAL SUPPORT IN HIS FIGHT WITH FINANCE MINISTER OVER ECONOMIC POLICY. THIS COULD HAVE FAVORABLE EFFECT ON HIS PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUING IN OFFICE FOR SECOND TERM DESPITE SUBSTANTIAL OPPOSITION FROM SAPIR BLOC IN THE ALIGNMENT.

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